

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agricultural Information Network

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY
USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
POLICY

Voluntary _ Public

Date: 8/22/2014

GAIN Report Number: IN4073

India

Post: New Delhi

Import Notification for Livestock

Report Categories:

Livestock and Products

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

FAIRS Subject Report

Approved By:

Allan Mustard

Prepared By:

Joshua Emmanuel Lagos and Radha Mani

Report Highlights:

Imports of livestock (except live shrimp) into India require an import license issued by the Ministry of Commerce and complying with sanitary conditions as specified in the applicable veterinary health certificate.

Executive Summary:

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF) published a notification for importing livestock (except live shrimp), which requires an import license issued by the Ministry of Commerce and complying with sanitary conditions as specified in the applicable veterinary health certificate. Although not notified to the WTO, the notification includes pre-export and post-import requirements.

General Information:

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), Indian Ministry of Agriculture, published a notification for importing livestock (except live shrimp), which requires an import license issued by the Ministry of Commerce and complying with sanitary conditions as specified in the applicable veterinary health certificate. This notice encompasses the importation of live equines, bovines, caprines, ovines, swine, canines, felines, avian species, laboratory animals, and aquatic animals. Although not notified to the WTO, the notification includes pre-export and post-import requirements. It is not clear if the notification is a draft document.

The [Notification](#) is attached at the end of this report. It can also be accessed online from DADF's website at: <http://www.dahd.nic.in/>

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi 10th, June, 2014

S.O., 1495(E).—In exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of the 1898), Central Government hereby notifies the procedure for import of "Live-stock" notified under clause (b) of Section 2 of Live-Stock Importation Act, 1898 as follows:-

The import of live-stock (except live shrimps) shall be allowed against an import licence if any, issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce under the existing import policy and fulfilment of the sanitary conditions as specified in Veterinary Health Certificate of this country and issued by the official veterinarian of the exporting country or country of origin.

2. The quarantine of live-stock wherever required as per health certificate shall also be carried out by the Government as per the procedure specified in the Schedule annexed to this notification.

SCHEDULE**1. Procedure for import of live animals into India**

- (i) No live-stock shall be imported into India without a valid import licence issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to an importer.
- (ii) The import licence shall include the name of specific country at the time of applying for licence through Director General of Foreign Trade.
- (iii) The import is subject to the fulfillment of a valid and authenticated Veterinary Certificate issued by the official veterinarian of the exporting country or country of origin as per Indian health protocol annexed along with "No objection" issued by this Department.
- (iv) All live animals are presently allowed only through the seaports or airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata. Any other port of entry may also be notified by the Central Government from time to time.
- (v) In case of Grand Parent Stock of Poultry (*Gallus domesticus*), the import is allowed subject to Sanitary Import Permit issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and is presently allowed through seaports or airports of Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad.
- (vi) All importers, airlines and shipping companies shall ensure that no animal shall be imported through any non designated port other than the ports mentioned at (iv) and (v) above.

2. Pre- import requirement for the Live-stock

- (i) Import of livestock against a licence shall be allowed on fulfillment of pre-import requirement as per the health protocol of India.
- (ii) All the importers, before embarkment shall intimate the Quarantine Officer or Regional Officer (AQ) and will seek permission seven days in advance (relaxable up to three days in pressing circumstances) prior to actual shipment so that proper arrangement could be made in the quarantine premises wherever applicable.
- (iii) The importer has to submit the copies of all documents including valid licence, authenticated Veterinary Certificate issued by the official veterinarian of the exporting country as per sub-para (iii) of para I for getting permission from Animal Quarantine Officer or Regional Officer (AQ) of the respective port of entry.

3. Verification of documents by Quarantine Officer or Regional Officer (AQ)

- (i) The Animal Quarantine Officer/Regional Officer (AQ) will issue no objection as pre-import clearance to importer after verifying those documents.
- (ii) In case the documents are found incomplete, forged or illegal and are not in compliance with the Indian health certificate requirements at pre-import clearance stage, the Quarantine Officer will not issue the no objection certificate to the importer allowing embarkment of animal(s).
- (iii) The Customs shall inform through public notice to all stakeholders including airlines not to allow embarkation of any live-stock without the pre-import clearance of concerned Animal Quarantine and Certification Station in the country.

4. Post- import requirement for the Quarantining of live-stock

- (i) After landing into India, the Customs Authority shall refer the consignment to the concerned Regional or Quarantine Officer.
- (ii) The Regional/ Quarantine Officer shall verify the original documents with the requirement of India's animal health certificate, Directorate General of Foreign Trade license vis-à-vis the documents which were seen at the time of pre-import clearance and if satisfied shall allow the animal to bring into the Quarantine Station of the respective port for quarantine. In case the documents are forged or fabricated or not issued by the Official Veterinary Officer of the exporting country, the animal shall

- be liable for deportation or re-export immediately (without allowing them to come out of the port of entry).
- (iii) The imported animals shall be subjected to quarantine in the Government quarantine premises for a specified period as indicated in the health certificate applicable for import of a particular animal at a given time.
- (iv) The wild animals imported by the Zoological Garden shall be quarantined in a separate enclosure at the respective Zoological Garden under the supervision of Quarantine Officer of the respective region.
- (v) The live animals, during the quarantine period, shall be liable to undergo diagnostic tests for the diseases as stipulated in the post import guidelines in the animal health protocol issued by the Government of India or as deemed necessary by the Government of India for protection of human and animal health under the supervision of Animal Quarantine Officer at the cost of importer/owner.
- (vi) If the Regional or Quarantine officer, during the quarantine of such animal(s), finds that the animal(s) imported contains any exotic or other infectious diseases even though present in the country, then the Regional Officer or Quarantine Officer may, by giving a notice to the importer through a verifiable means, to deport or re-export the animal(s) to the country of origin within fifteen days or within such period as further may be allowed.
- (vii) Where the importer fails to take action as directed by Regional Officer or Quarantine Officer such animal(s) within such time as may be allowed for the purpose, the Regional Officer or Quarantine officer may destroy the animal(s) at the cost of importer or owner.
- (viii) In case of live fish, crustaceans and molluscs, quarantine condition will be applicable only if specifically mentioned against the import authorization for live fishery items.
5. Government of India may in specific cases relax any of the provisions of this notification to remove any undue hardship, if any, in public interest.

[F. No. 109-01/2012-Trade]

RAJBIR SINGH RANA, Jt. Secy.